



# NEWSLETTER

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WATERFORD,WI

October-December 2008

## Calendar of Events OCTOBER

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- 8-National Walk to School Day
- 11-St. Peter's Turkey Dinner & Fall Fair 10-7:30
- 27-Am. Leg. Pancake Breakfast Whitford Park 7:30-12
- 31-Trick-or-Treating 5:30-7:30 pm

#### **NOVEMBER**

4-Presidential Election 7am-8pm-Basement of Village Hall (Handicap Accessibility at Front Door of Village Hall)

27&28-Office Closed

#### **DECEMBER**

- 6-Waterford Tour of Homes 9a.m.-4p.m.
- 6-Lioness Breakfast with Santa 8:30 a.m. at Evergreen
- 6-Village Holiday Square-St. Peter's 9a.m.-4p.m.
- 6-Winter Wonderland Parade 5:00 p.m.
- 6- Tree Lighting at Library after parade
- 24&25-Office Closed

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# Important Voter Information!

The Presidential Election will be held in the *basement* of the Village Hall, 123 N River Street

November 4, 2008 7 am -8 pm

HANDICAPPED AND DISABLED are encouraged to enter in the front doors of the Village Hall. All other voters should follow the signs to the basement entrance around the back of the building.

Are you registered to vote? Do you want to avoid long lines at the polls to register at the Presidential Election on November 4<sup>th</sup>?

The goal of the Village is to encourage early registration and ease everyone's stress on Election Day.

If you haven't voted in the last four years or are unsure if you are registered, you can check your registration status online at <u>vpa.wi.gov</u>.

Choose "Look up your voter registration and polling place location" and click on your name for voter information. Please note the polling place hours are incorrect on this website. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. You can also call the Village Clerk at 534-3980.

REMEMBER: Changes of name or address require a new registration form.

Voter registration forms are

available online at the Government Accountability Board website, gab.wi.gov. Click the "Elections Division" button, go to "Forms & Publications", choose "All Forms", and open form number EB 131. Once you fill out the form, it can be mailed to the Village of Waterford, 123 N River Street, Waterford WI 53185. Or you may drop it off Monday-Friday from 8 –5. We also have a drop box for your convenience.

Be sure to include a copy of proof of your residency: Acceptable items include a WE Energies bill, a water bill, a current Wisconsin Driver's License or ID card, a bank statement, or a paycheck. Acceptable documents are listed in the registration instructions. YOUR name and current Waterford address must be on the item you use for proof of residence.

PLEASE NOTE: You MUST provide your Driver's License number if you have one. This is now required by State law. If you don't have a Driver's License, you may use the last four digits of your Social Security number.

You may also register at the Village Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

If you choose to register at the polls on Election Day, be sure to have your Driver's License, the required proof of residency and be prepared to wait. Election Day can be hectic, but we will process your registration as quickly as we

If you have any questions about registration election issues don't hesitate to call the Village Clerk at 534-3980 or check our website: www.vi.waterfor wi.gov◆

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## Fall Back, Check your Batteries, and Burn Safely

By Chief Denman

With the fall season comes the end of daylight savings time. Before you go to bed on November 1st you will have to change your clock and move the time one hour behind. Changing the clock also represents a very important time in the fire service. This is the time of year when we ask people to also change the batteries in their smoke detectors. Smoke detector batteries should be changed twice a year and what better schedule to get on than when you change your clocks. People usually forget to change their smoke detector batteries and it doesn't seem to be a priority of household duties for most homeowners. I have been at many, many fires and the most common thing that I hear people say is "I never thought this would happen to me." I have heard that expression too many times and many of these people did not even have a smoke detector in their home. If they had, most of the fires would have been detected much earlier which would have measured in

lower dollar loss and more importantly, fewer lives lost. Many people do not know that it is a law that smoke detectors be installed and maintained in their homes. If the Fire Department is called to a citizen's home for a fire and it is found that you do not have smoke detectors, a citation can be issued. Your safety is of utmost importance to us, therefore, we will provide a free smoke detector if you live in the Village of Waterford and do not have one in your home. If you are unable to get to the Waterford Fire Department, please call us at 534-5930.

Fall is also a time when the trees become bare and our residents are burning all of the leaves. I would like to remind everyone that there are rules about burning leaves and other material in the Village limits. Open burning hours are from 12 noon to 7 p.m. The Village Rescue Depleaves, brush, clean wood and vegetative debris. Grass clippings should not Please rement trick-or-treat ford Fire Depleaves are burning trick-or-treat ford Fire Depleaves and other material in the Village limits. Open burning hours are from 12 noon to 7 p.m. The Village Rescue Depleaves, brush, clean wood and vegetative debris. Grass clippings should not BE SAFE!

be burned, but may be recycled by dropping them off at the drop off site located by the Department of Public Works. All other items such as household waste, products that can be recycled and any plastic or rubber materials may NOT be burned. These items may also be disposed of at the drop off site if they cannot be thrown out with your regular garbage or put in your recycling bin. No materials may be burned on any street, curb, gutter or sidewalk. If the DNR has declared an ozone action day, you are not allowed to burn anything at all.

Please remember to stay safe while trick-or-treating as well. The Waterford Fire Department will be out handing out candy in the Village between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

The Village of Waterford Fire and Rescue Department wishes you a safe, healthy, happy fall and holiday season! BE SAFE!

## Waterford Area Schools to Celebrate International Walk to School Day



Woodfield, Trailside, Evergreen, St. Peter's and St. Thomas Aquinas schools will be joining schools from around the world to celebrate International Walk to School Day on October 8, 2008.

The event coordinators are creating starting locations and times for each school. Watch the Waterford Post and/or your elementary school children's backpacks for more details. Other special activities associated with the walk include a free bottle of water and healthy snack when they arrive at school.

In the U.S., International Walk to School Day is expected to include 5,000 schools from all 50 states. Walkers from the U.S. will join children and adults in 40 countries around the world.

Walk to School events work to create safer routes for walking and bicycling and emphasize the importance of issues such as increasing physical activity among children, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, concern for the environment and building connections between families, schools and the broader community.

The event is being organized by members of the Waterford PTO, Waterford Graded School Administrator, Waterford Graded School Physical Education Teachers, Members of St. Peter's and St. Thomas staff, Village of Wa-

terford staff and the Safe Routes to School Task Force. This project started when the Village of Waterford received a grant from Wisconsin Department of Transportation to create a Safe Routes to School Plan. The plan is now complete and another grant was applied for and received which includes funding for Education, Enforcement, Encouragement, Engineering and Evaluation. The organizations involved in planning the National Walk to School Day are also working on a Bike Rodeo event in the Spring. Be watching for other events planned throughout the year as well.

For additional information, please contact Vikki Zuehlke, Village Clerk at 262-534-3980.

Check out this website for more information::

www.walktoschool.org ♦

### Trick or Treat

Get your cabinets stocked with treats or you'll suffer the wrath of the tricksters! Trick or Treating will be on October 31 in the Village from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The Town of Waterford's Trick or Treating is on October 31 from 5-7:30 p.m. and the Town / Village of Rochester's is on Sunday, No-

vember 2 from 2-4 p.m. Remember to dress in costumes that are easy to walk in, opt for face paint over masks, carry a lit item such as a flashlight, DO NOT eat any candy until it is inspected, NEVER enter a house, WALK don't run and stay on sidewalks. Check out this list of safety tips on the internet before the big day:

http://www.sosnet.com/Safety/halloween.tip.html

By Vikki Zuehlke, Village Clerk

Submitted by Peggy Denman

Have fun but stay safe so you can enjoy all the candy! The Waterford Fire and Rescue and Police Department will be out and about handing out treats. •

## Holiday Fire Safety Tips

During the Holiday season the home fires increase, usually due to electrical fires. Most of these causes can be eliminated if all cords, lights, etc are in good working order. Here are some tips to help remove these possible causes.

**HOLIDAY TREES:** Special fire safety precautions must be taken when keeping a live tree in the house. A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire.

When selecting a tree, the needles on fresh trees should be green. The tree trunk should be sticky to the touch. You should bounce the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, and is a safety hazard.

Do NOT put your tree close to a heat source, as this will cause the tree to dry out faster. Make sure there is water in

the tree stand at all times, and do NOT leave it up for any more than TWO weeks.

**HOLIDAY LIGHTS**: Inspect lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear. Use only lighting that is UL approved.

Do NOT let the bulbs touch anything that can burn easy, such as paper or link more than three light strands. If bulbs blow, replace them. Also do not overload electrical sockets. Remember one plug for one socket.

NEVER LEAVE HOLIDAY LIGHTS ON UNATTENDED AND TURN OFF BEFORE GOING TO BED

## MISCELLANEOUS HOLIDAY REMINDERS/SAFETY TIPS:

- 1. Decorations can burn easily, so don't attach them to/or near lights or heaters.
- 2. Never place candles near your

Christmas tree or furnishings.

- 3. Never leave candles unattended and make sure they are extinguished prior to leaving the room or going to bed.
- 4. Keep lighters, matches and candles out of the reach of children.
- 5. Make sure your family and visitors staying over during this time know what to do in an emergency. Go through your escape plan with them.
- 6. Always turn off Christmas lights and unplug them before you go to bed.
- 7. Celebrate the holidays safely. The risk of accidents especially in the kitchen is greater after alcohol is consumed.
- 8. Make sure cigarettes are completely extinguished before going to bed.

The Waterford Fire and Rescue Department wishes you a safe and happy Holiday Season.

## Love Inc. Holiday Happenings

Submitted by Corrine Dombeck, Love Inc.

Once again this holiday season Love, Inc. needs your assistance in order to serve the growing needs of the community. We are expecting record numbers for both our Thanksgiving and Christmas programs. We will not be able to meet this challenge without the contributions of our generous supporters.

Thanksgiving Adopt-A-Family Last year we served over 1,800 individuals from over 400 families. We are looking for people to help us prepare and hand out the meal boxes, and also for monetary donations to purchase the meals. A contribution of \$29 will buy Thanksgiving dinner for an entire family.

### Christmas Adopt-A-Family

In 2007 Love, Inc. brought Christmas to over 500 families including 1,182

children. We are looking for individuals, families or organizations to "adopt" families for Christmas. This entails either contributing money and letting us do the shopping, or buying the gifts yourself and dropping them off at Love, Inc.

To get more information on how you can help during this holiday season, call Love, Inc. at 262-763-6226.◆

## News from Water and Sewer Utility Department Submitted by Lynn Spleas, Utility Clerk

The Water and Sewer Utility Department welcomes Ellie Mack as the new Part-Time Utility Clerk Assistant. Ellie filled the vacancy when the previous assistant, Lynn Stanley retired. Please welcome Ellie when you stop into the office.

The Village Water & Sewer Utility is located at 801 Ela Avenue, under the water tower in the Industrial Park. The office is open 7:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Please feel free to stop in or call us at 534-4069 if you have any questions about your account or about Utility operations.

#### WHERE IS ALL THAT WATER USED?

Most of the water is used in the bathroom. The largest water user in any household is the toilet, and at 2-7 gallons per flush, they account for 27% of the water around typical home. Showused in a ers, at over 2 gallons per minute, account for around 17% of the water used, while other bathroom uses such as baths & faucets account for around 10%. The second highest water user is the washing machine. At around 41 gallons per load, clothes washing accounts for about 22% of the water used in a typical household.

Fix Leaks...Leaking toilets can ac-

count for a surprisingly large amount of water, as most leaks are located in the tank where they cannot be seen or heard. Leaking faucets, even those with small leaks of 60 drops per minute, can waste around 260 gallons per month.

Use water wisely...Run washing machines and dishwasher only with full loads, or by using lower time and load selections. Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator for drinking instead of letting the water run for several minutes to reach the desired temperature. Take shorter showers; turn off the water while brushing your teeth and put food scraps in the garbage instead of the garbage disposal.

Water lawns & gardens effectively...While perfect looking lawns are nice, it is natural for grass to be less bright green during dry periods. If you must water the lawn or garden, do it less frequently and avoid the middle of the day or on sunny, windy days where up to 50% of the water can be lost to evaporation.

#### **BILLING DATES**

Water and sewer bills are mailed quarterly, usually about one week before the first of January, April, July, and October. Payment is due on the 20th of each of these months. To avoid a 3% penalty, payment must be received or postmarked by the due date. You may mail the payment, pay in person at the Utility office or use the drop box in front of the building for after hours payments.

#### **COMMISSION MEETINGS**

The Water & Sewer Commission meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Utility office at 801 Ela Avenue. Special meetings may be held occasionally to discuss important issues. Meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend and offer comments and suggestions.

#### PAY YOUR BILL ON LINE OR BY CREDIT CARD

As part of our commitment to provide our customers with efficient, convenient service, the Water & Sewer Utility has collaborated with Official Payments to offer electronic or credit card payment of water bills over the internet or by telephone. Official Payments, the service provider, charges a convenience fee of \$3.00 per electronic check and \$6.95 per credit card payment.

To use this service, visit www.vi.waterford.wi.gov, or call the toll free number, 1-800-2PAY-TAX (1 -800-272-9829). You will be required to enter the jurisdiction code 6724 and your account number. ♦

#### To Pay by Credit Card or **Electronic Check**

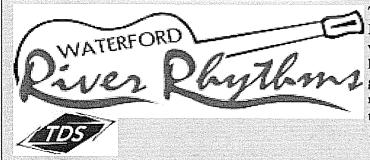






Visit www.vi.waterford.wi.gov or call I-800-2PAY-TAX (Use Jurisdiction Code 6724)

Official Payments, the service provider, charges a nominal fee for this service



Thank you to everyone who attended the 2008 River Rhythms series in the Village Park. Plans are under way for the 2009 River Rhythms concert series. A huge amount of gratitude is owed to TDS for their generous sponsorship and commitment to the community. Questions or suggestions can be addressed to the Waterford Area Chamber of Commerce at 262-534-5911 or via e-mail at chamber@waterford-wi.org

### News you can use from the Clerk/Treasurer's Office

- Tax bills will be sent out mid December. The Treasurer's office does not have any information on your tax bill at this time. If you have questions regarding the previous years taxes you may give us a call or visit Racine County's website at <a href="https://www.racineco.com">www.racineco.com</a>.
- Open Burning Hours are between 12-7. Do not burn your leaves or garbage in the streets.
- One hour parking is now being

- enforced on the streets surrounding the high school while school is in session.
- Dog and Cat licenses expire December 31. You may renew your licenses when you pay your tax bill. Information regarding fees and expiration dates will be mailed with your tax bills mid-December.
- Do you wonder if you live in the Town of Waterford or the Village? If you are receiving this newsletter,
- you are in the Village. An easy way to remember is that Village residents have three digit addresses and Town residents have four or more.
- have not voted at an election in the past two years, please stop in and register to vote. You will be glad you did when you're not the one standing in line to register at the next election!

### Lawn Fertilizers and Water Pollution

### Take Steps to Keep Waterways Clean

Waterford is one of a growing number of Wisconsin communities that discourages the use of lawn fertilizers containing phosphorus. This applies to homeowners as well as lawn care professionals, neither of whom is encouraged to apply phosphorus on lawns located inside the Village's Sanitary District's service area except under very limited circumstances. The Village took these steps because fertilizer can wash into local waterways where the phosphorus causes excessive weed growth resulting in problems for landowners, swimmers, boaters, fishermen and other recreational and non-recreational users of the waterways.

Why does phosphorus cause weed growth problems? Phosphorus is what's called a limiting nutrient. The plants and algae that live in Wisconsin's lakes and streams require some phosphorus to grow and reproduce, but these same plants can't stop growing and reproducing when excess phosphorus is available. And once this excess phosphorus get into our local lakes and streams it can take many years for it to cycle out. So, stopping any new phosphorus from getting into local waterways is a key step toward controlling weedy outbreaks and algae blooms.

But doesn't my lawn need phosphorus to grow? Yes it does, but most Wisconsin soils already contains more than enough phosphorus to support

healthy grass growth for many-many years. If you think your lawn might be a rare exception and phosphorus deficient, you can learn how to get your soil tested by contacting the UW-Soil and Plant Analysis Lab at 608-262-4364 or <a href="http://uwlab.soils.wisc.edu/madison/">http://uwlab.soils.wisc.edu/madison/</a>.

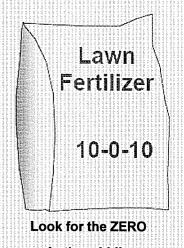
## What about replacing grass with planting beds or prairie plants?

For some people who don't use their yards for group gatherings or games, and who like the look of natural landscaping, this is good choice that can save money and time over the long run by reducing the need to mow and fertilize. Natural landscapes may also create habitat for birds and wildlife, increase the privacy of your home and remaining yard areas and reduce stormwater runoff by getting more water to soak into the ground.

Contact the UW-Extension Basin Education program for more information about water friendly lawn care and other steps to control runoff pollution, 414-290-2431,

http://clean-water.uwex.edu/.

Tip: When you mow your grass in the Village, please do not deposit any grass clippings into the street. This is one of the main sources of excessive phosphates that gets deposited into our sewers and ends up in the rivers, lakes and streams.



#### in the middle

Every fertilizer bag or container has three numbers on the label. The numbers refer to the percentage by weight of nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and Potasium (K). The middle number is always the phosphorus concentration so make sure you only buy products with a zero in the middle.

This article was submitted by Andy Yencha, UW-Extension Watershed Education upon request of the Village of Waterford Village Board to educate residents on the use of fertilizer containing phosphates.

### What You Don't Know Can Kill You

\*Eleven guests at a bed and breakfast wood, coal, oil, natural gas, and charbecome ill and were rushed to the hos- coal, do not have enough oxygen to pital.

\*A camper was found dead in his trailer.

\*A couple were forced to leave their new home due to illness after only one month living there.

Each of these cases were caused by carbon monoxide- a colorless, odorless, tasteless and potentially lethal gas. Every year, carbon monoxide and thousands more become ill kill hundreds of people in the United States. Home and portable carbon monoxide detectors and regular furnace inspections could prevent many of these accidents.

Carbon monoxide, or CO, is created when fuels such as gasoline, kerosene, burn completely. When you breathe in CO, it replaces the oxygen in your blood. This will kill you if not treated quickly.

Low levels of CO in the home over a long time period can cause chronic poisoning that is often mistaken for the flu. Symptoms of CO poisoning may include dizziness, nausea, sleepiness and headaches. If everyone in the family has the same symptoms, and these clear up when leaving the home, CO may be to blame. Unlike the flu, there is no fever with CO poisoning.

Residential CO poisonings are most often due to improperly vented furnaces, blocked chimneys, vehicles left running in garages and malfunctioning gas ranges. Those with heart condi-

Submitted by Western Racine County Health Department

tions, the young, and the elderly are especially susceptible to CO. Pregnant women should be careful because CO will affect the fetus more quickly.

As the heating season begins, carbon monoxide poisonings become more common. "Our public health data tells us that the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning is the highest in the winter months from November through February,' said Cheryl Mazmanian Director/Health Officer from Western Racine County Health Department. "Buying and installing carbon monoxide detectors in your home and having your heating system and fireplace inspected are the best steps you can take to avoid becoming a victim of carbon monoxide this winter." ♦

### Worried about Germs??

Worried about colds, flu and other germs? Go ahead and touch those doorknobs and elevator buttons, but watch out for keyboards, sinks and fresh laundry!

Studies indicated that computer keyboards carried far more bacteria than an elevator button, the handles and button on the communal microwave oven, or the office water fountain. Keyboards are a lunch counter for germs. In fact, the average desk harbors 400 times more bacteria than the average toilet seat.

Toilets get a bad rap. So does the door on the way out. Bathroom sinks, however, are another matter. Sinks are usually high (in bacterial counts) to begin with. They have got everything a bacteria likes, wet and moist. Bacteria can live for weeks in these conditions! In a home we usually find more E. coli in a sink than a toilet. Usually the dirtiest handles in public restrooms are urinal flush handles. Urban leg-

ends about sexually transmitted diseases in a public restroom are untrue. Its really diarrhea, not gonorrhea, you have to worry about. Commonly found restroom germs include noroviruses, shigella, hepatitis A and Salmonella - all of which cause stomach upsets and diarrhea.

Few people don't realize just how dirty laundry is - clean laundry. Americans have moved to short-cycle, cold-water washes to save energy and wear and tear on clothing, but this leaves viruses and bacteria largely intact. Water at 140 degrees F (60 degrees C) will sanitize laundry; however only 5 percent of Americans use hot water for laundry. Viruses such as hepatitis A, rotavirus and bacteria such as Salmonella can easily survive the average 28minute drying cycle.

People tend not to know where the most infectious places are. Such knowledge may be particularly useful as experts warn that a pandemic of

Submitted by Camille Gerou, Western Racine County Health Department

H5N1 avian influenza may be looming. While the virus currently infests birds almost exclusively, experts say it shows the greatest potential of any virus in decades to cause a human pandemic. If it begins to spread, basic hygiene would be essential to avoid infection. But viruses are of course invisible to the human eye. Antimicrobial wipes and alcohol-based gel hand sanitizers DO work when soap and water are not available.

We don't want to make people overly paranoid here. You can reduce your risk of getting colds and flu by a few simple actions. You are always gambling with germs. You just want to keep the odds in your favor. Don't forget your flu shot this year and keep washing your hands!

For further information contact: Camille Gerou, Administrative Assistant, Western Racine County Health Department at 262-763-4930 or check out our website at www.wrchd.org. •

### Wi-Fi at WPL!

Waterford Public Library is now a **Wi-Fi Hotspot**! There's wireless Internet access for patrons with wireless enabled PDA's and laptop computers. This is a *free* service with limited bandwidth, available within the building during regular library hours.

All users of the service will first need to register at Information Desk to receive an **Access Code.** Then you'll be able to surf the Net and check your emails. Each time you return to the library you'll be assigned a new login.

If your laptop computer or other device does not include wireless networking, you may be able to purchase a wireless network card from the manufacturer of your equipment or at your local technology store.

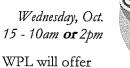
Library staff is unable to assist with setting up wireless internet on your device or computer; you will be responsible for the set up, modification or troubleshooting of your own equipment.

Wireless printing is not available at this time. Although, you may email your files (or save them to a jump drive) to your web-based email service and access it from one of the Library's internet computers.

All current Waterford Library Internet policies and guidelines will apply to wireless users.

#### **Adult Computer Classes**

## Searching the Internet -Part 2



### Searching the

**Internet - Part 2**. Participants can sign-up for the morning or afternoon session. Students will learn the key to better searches through the use of the

"Favorites" button, the "History" button and downloading from the Internet. Each session is limited to 10 students. Registration deadline is Monday, October 6th. Call the library @ 534-3988 to register.

#### E-mail - Part 1

Wednesday, Nov.19-10am or 2pm WPL offers two sessions of E-mail Part 1. Participants can sign-up for the morning or afternoon session. Students will learn how to send, receive and reply to messages. E-mail addresses, inboxes and other basic functions of e-mail systems will be discussed. Each session is limited to 10 students. Registration deadline is Monday, November 10th. Call the library @ 534-3988 to register.

#### E-mail Part 2

Wednesday, Dec. 17 - 10am or 2pm
WPL will offer two classes entitled Email Part 2. Participants can sign-up
for the morning or afternoon session.
Students will learn how to send, receive and reply to messages. E-mail
addresses, inboxes and other basic
functions of e-mail systems will be
discussed. Each session is limited to
10 students. Registration deadline is
Monday, December 8th. Call the library @ 534-3988 to register.

#### **Author Joe Konrat**

Thursday, Oct. 16 – 6:30pm Meet Illinois mystery writer Joe Konrath when he drops in for an author visit at WPL! His first novel Whiskey Sour (2004), introduced Lt. Jacqueline "Jack" Daniels followed by Jack's further crime busting escapades in Bloody Mary (2005), Rusty Nail (2006), Dirty Martini (2007), Fuzzy Navel (2008), and Cherry Bomb (2009). Konrath's short stories have appeared in more than sixty magazines and collections, with translations of his work into 10 languages. The author will have copies of his books available for sale and signing following his booktalk.

## Glacial Landscapes & the History of Wisconsin

Thursday, Nov. 13 - 6:30pm
About 20,000 years ago glaciers covered about two thirds of Wisconsin! UW Madison Professor David Mickelson visits the Waterford Library to guide us through our ancient terrain. With the use of slides from modern glaciers, Dr. Mickelson describes the formation of moraines, drumlins, kames, eskers, kettle holes, and glacial lakes as we tour Wisconsin's landscape.

Adult Fall Card Classes



Thursday, Oct. 9, 5:30-7:30pm Create 3 greeting cards that you'll be proud to send! All materials provided, but you are encouraged to bring your favorite adhesive. Cost: \$10 due at registration. No refunds after Friday, Oct. 3.

#### Christmas Decoration/Gift

Thursday, Nov. 6, 5:00-7:30pm Create a special Christmas decoration for your home, or give it as a gift! Watch for details, cost and sample at the Library.

#### Make 15 Christmas Cards!

Saturday, Nov.8 - 9:00am or noon
In plenty of time for early mailing, come and make 15 Christmas cards that will bring compliments from your friends and family. Make 3 different cards, 5 of each design for \$28. Samples will be available at the Library by mid-October. There will be two groups for this class: 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. and Noon to 2:45 p.m., so it will be fast-paced! Deadline to sign up is Sat., Oct. 25 so all the supplies can be ordered and readied. Pay when you sign up. No refunds after Oct. 25.

### Adult Needlework Group



The group

meets every Wednesday in the History Room at the library from 12:30-2:00 pm. If you need a little help or have a craft to share, this is the group to join!

No registration is required.

#### Adult Digital Camera Club

3rd Wednesday every month @6:00pm Do you want instruction, inspiration, support for shooting, and printing help? Join WPL's digital camera club! Club members decide month to month what the next month's topic will be. Call the library at 262-534-3988 to register and find out this month's assignment.



#### Chainmaille Jewelry Classes

All classes are taught by jewelry design artist **Diane Miller**. Students must bring: 2 jewelry pliers; one flat nose and one chain nose pliers or 2 of either to each class. Class size is limited to 8 students and registration is required. Class fees include all materials and are non-refundable and nontransferable. Samples of each design are on display at the library. Call library at 262-534-3988 to register.

#### Vortex Pendant & Earrings

Monday, October 6, 5:30 – 7:30pm Weaving silver jump rings - \$32 - Learn the basics of working with jump rings. Create earrings and a matching pendant by working a beautiful chainmaille vortex weave of Diane's hand coiled, cut and polished Agentinium jump rings.

Skill Level: Beginner

#### Flat Queen's Link Bracelet

Monday, November 3, 5:30-7:30pm Weaving silver jump rings - \$40 Master a new chainmaille weave for a stunning bracelet of agentinium sterling silver.

Skill Level: Beginner

#### Half Persian 4-1 Bracelet

Monday, December 1, 5:30-7:30pm Weaving silver jump rings - \$40 Learn the more advanced Half Persian chainmaille pattern to fashion a dazzling silver bracelet.

Skill Level: Intermediate



#### **Stepping On Classes**

Thursdays 10am - noon October 2 – November 13

The prevention of falls is vital to maintaining personal independence for senior citizens. Occupational therapist, Judy Schouten will lead a 7 week *Stepping On* series in preventing falls and regaining and maintaining your personal confidence after a fall. Call Ninna Frank (toll free) 866-219-1043 to register.

This program is a partnership of the Racine County Aging & Disability Resource Center and Sports Physical Therapy & Rehab Specialists.

### Adult Book Club 2008

Please call to reserve

your seat.

Discussions begin at 6:15 PM on the following Wednesday evenings:

9/24 - Suite Française

by Irene Namirovsky

10/29 - The World is Flat

by Thomas Friedman

12/3 - The Day the Soldiers Came

By Charles London

Books are available or can be reserved at the circulation desk.

#### DONATIONS - 3rd Quarter Alice Ludtke Memorial Mary Alice Tremmel Memorial Bon Voyage Cruise & Vacations Richter Foods Burlington Roundy's We Care

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**David Frost Memorial** 

These generous donations allow the library the ability to enhance our collection above and beyond what our budget affords. We are very appreciative of every gift mentioned above.

## THANKS!

To all who supported the Friends of the Library Wine-Tasting party in August. Many of you sold tickets, donated food trays and volunteered your time or tents for our use that night. The event was attended by almost 150 people and the Friends raised over \$1500 for the library collection. Thanks for your support!





### Children's Programs

#### Lap-Sit Storytimes

Lap-Sit Storytimes are available to all children under three-years-old with their caregiver. Storytime includes sign language, stories, finger plays, and songs for toddlers. It starts at 9:15 and runs for about twenty minutes. Scheduled dates are October 1 or 2, 15 or 16, and November 5 or 6, 19 or 20 and December 3 or 4, 17 or 18.

#### Pre-School Storytime

Pre-school storytimes are held the first three weeks of each month on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Three-year-olds will be welcome at the 10:00 sessions; four- and five-year-olds are welcome at the 10:45 sessions. Both sessions will run for 30 minutes and will include sign language, stories, songs, fingerplays, movement and a craft. Registration is required. Call, stop in, or e-mail (tcox@waterford.lib.wi.us) to register.



#### Movie Events at the Library

Bring your whole family for our special movie events. On Wednesday, October 29 the school kids have an early release from school. Bring them in for a 1:00 movie. In November, the school kids have off on Friday, November 7. We will celebrate with a 1:00 show on that day. December's movie will be on Tuesday, December 9 at 6:00. All movies will be new releases. Call the library or stop in for movie titles.



#### **Building Blocks Storytime**

Linda Breuer from Family Smart/Kid Friendly and Love, Inc. will host Building Blocks storytimes for preschool families on Mondays, November 3 – December 8. No registration is required.

#### Family Story Times

All family members are invited to come to our monthly family story-times the second Tuesday night of each month. Family storytime is held at 6:30 and geared for all ages.

On October 14 bring the whole family for a special performer, Stuart Stotts. He is a singer, musician and storyteller who is excited to share bilingual stories and songs along a few family-friendly "scary" stories. In November, we'll be celebrating family favorites with stories we all know and a few with new twists. December's family storytime will be a special showing of the newly released movie Horton Hears a Who! This storytime will begin at 6:00. Popcorn and soda will be served.

#### **Teen Advisory Board**

The mission of the Waterford Public Library Teen Advisory Board is to meet and discuss topics of interest to teens, teen material selection, and teen programming. Any student in grades 8 – 12 can volunteer to participate in our monthly meetings. Other volunteer opportunities are available for all members. The Teen Advisory Board will meet on September 23 at 6:30. All teen advisory board members are expected to help with the children's Halloween Party Trick-or-

Treat at the Library on Friday, Ocotber  $31^{st}$  from 12 - 3:30. E-mail Tricia at **tcox@waterford.lib.wi.us** with any questions or if you are interested in joining.



### Battle of the Boxes - Competition on the Coast

This year, 22 libraries in Southeastern Wisconsin received grant money to bring gaming events to their libraries. A Nintendo Wii was purchased for each of the 22 libraries, and competitions have been held monthly since spring. As part of the grant requirements, all 22 libraries would host at least one Super Smash Bros. competition to determine a champion at each library. Waterford Library held two competitions and extends congratulations to Kyle Endl and Nick Gladis, Waterford Library's Champions. These two boys will face off in the coming months for the title of Waterford Library's Wii Grand **Champion.** The winner will then compete against the other 22 libraries online in real time for the distinction of Southeast Wisconsin's Smash Bros. Champion. The date of this event will be determined in October. Watch for updates on the website at www.waterford.lib.wi.us.

#### Trick or Treat at the Library



Bring the whole family between 1:00 and 3:00 on Friday, October 31 for some Halloween fun! There will be crafts, games, treats, and more! Kids and adults are welcome to come in costume.

#### Western Racine County Free Blood Pressure Clinics

Time

#### October 2008

10/06/08 Whitford Park, 625 First Street, Waterford	11:30 a.m12:30 p.m.
10/09/08 Hill Park Heights, 1380 Park Place, Union Grove	9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
10/09/08 Burlington Senior Center, 209 N Main Street, Burlington	11:00 a.m Noon
10/16/08 Union Grove Municipal Center, 925 15th Avenue, Union Grove	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
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11/11/08 Tichigan Civic Center, 6710 Big Bend Road, Waterford	12:30 p.m1:00 p.m.
11/11/08 St. Clare's Catholic Church, 7616 Fritz Street, Wind Lake	1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
11/13/08 Hometown Village 1415 13th Ave, Union Grove	9:30 a.m. — 10 a.m.
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Date/Place

#### Western Racine County Immunizations Clinics

- Children's vaccines include: Chicken Pox, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Hib Meningitis, HPV, Measles, Meningococcal, Mumps, Pertussis, Pneumococcal, Polio, Rotavirus, Rubella, and Tetanus.
- Resident Fees: Administration fee is \$5 per visit. Maximum charge of \$20 for a resident family. Resident's fees will be waived in the event of financial difficulties.
- Non-resident Fees: Administration fee is \$10 per visit. Maximum charge \$40 for a non-resident family
- Adults: Tetanus (\$5 resident, \$10 non-resident), Hepatitis B (\$35 for resident, \$45 for non-resident) and TB Skin Test (\$5 for residents and \$10 for non-residents, must call 24 hrs. in advance to schedule).

#### October 2008

	Time	
10/08/08	Western Racine County Health Dept., 156 East State, Burlington	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
10/15/08	Western Racine County Health Dept., 156 East State, Burlington	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
10/20/08	Waterford Library, 101 North River St, Waterford	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
	Union Grove Municipal Center, 925 15th Avenue, Union Grove	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
10/23/08	Western Racine County Health Dept., 156 East State, Burlington	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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	Date/Place	<u>Time</u>
11/12/08	Western Racine County Health Dept., 156 East State, Burlington	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
11/17/08	Waterford Library, 101 North River St, Waterford	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
11/19/08	Western Racine County Health Dept., 156 East State, Burlington	9:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.
11/20/08	Western Racine County Health Dept., 156 East State, Burlington	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
11/24/08	Norway Town Hall, 6419 Heg Park Road, Wind Lake	5:00 p.m 6:00 p.m.
Decembe	r 2008	•
	Date/Place	<u>Time</u>
12/10/08	Western Racine County Health Dept., 156 East State, Burlington	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
12/15/08	Waterford Library, 101 North River St, Waterford	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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## Questions can be directed to Western Racine County Health Department at 262-763-4930 or 800-688-4930 www.wrchd.org

WATERFORD AREA FLU/PNEUMONIA CLINICS WILL BE HELD AT AUROR HEALTH CENTER, 818 FORREST LANE ON OCTOBER 22&23 FROM 10A.M.-2 P.M. FLU SHOTS:\$35 PNEUMONIA SHOTS: \$45 MEDICARE PART B IS ACCEPTED—NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY CHECK OUT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE FOR OTHER DATES AND TIMES WWW.VI.WATERFORD.WI.GOV OR CONTACT WRCHD AT 763-4930.

### Party....at my house?

Submitted by Reagan Dexter, Waterford Chamber of Commerce



Has your teen asked you to host an underage-drinking party?

Have they thrown an underage-alcohol party without your knowledge? Would it help to have additional support when faced with this challenge?

T.E.A.M. (Teen Education Awareness Mentors) is offering a free presentation on this topic. Mark your calendar for October 23rd from 6-7pm at the Waterford Union High School auditorium! Keynote speakers include Racine County District Attorney Michael E. Nieskes and State Farm Insurance Agent Bill Czaja. This event is open to concerned parents, teens, and the general public. Learn about the potential criminal and civil liabilities that exist to those who attend these parties and those who either

knowingly or unknowingly host a party where alcohol or drugs are present. This topic is near and dear to many who have lived this experience or know someone who has been affected by the outcomes.

Immediately following the discussion there will be an ice cream social for the public to gather and share ideas and suggestions. Members of T.E.A.M. will also be present to share information on group activities and answer questions.

### Digital TV is at Your Doorstep



Are you ready for the switch to digital TV? Chances are you've seen plenty of ads about it. Local television stations have been

running them around the clock—and a great many Wisconsinites need to pay attention.

By law, all full-power stations in the U.S. will begin broadcasting only in digital format on February 17, 2009. While this change represents the biggest revolution in television since color was introduced, not every home is ready today. People who don't subscribe to cable or other pay service, and instead watch free TV using rooftop or rabbit ear antennas on older analog sets, will need to take the steps to make the switch.

Imagine waking up, grabbing your cup of morning java, turning on the TV and seeing nothing but snow. For Wisconsinites who receive free, over-theair broadcasting signals, this could be your reality if you don't make the transition to digital in time.

The good news is these viewers have three easy options to make the switch by February 2009 and avoid losing your local broadcast signals:

- 1. Purchase a converter box at your local electronic retailer. The federal government is issuing two \$40 coupons per household towards the purchase of converter boxes. Details about the coupon program are available at www.DTV2009.gov or by calling 1-888-DTV-2009.
- 2. Purchase a TV set with a built-in digital tuner.
- 3. Subscribe to cable, satellite or other pay TV service to continue using your analog set, but make sure that provider carries all of the local stations you want.

With the DTV transition just a little over 4 months away, local broadcasters, in collaboration with the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) in Washington, D.C., are leading the charge to give Americans all the necessary tools and information.

Fortunately, most Americans—about 90 percent—are aware of the transition. However, many are still unsure how it affects them.

No matter where you live or shop, there are multiple opportunities to Reprinted from www.nab.org-Toolkit for Local Officials

learn about the transition. Broadcasters are committed to leaving no stone unturned in a pursuit to inform every American: from road shows making stops at your public libraries and county fairs, to a DTV speakers bureau that sends TV representatives to local and statewide events, to airing public service announcements during your favorite programs to make sure you can't miss them, and much more.

Although the switch to digital was federally mandated in 2005, we've been preparing for it for more than a decade. Many stations are already broadcasting in digital, and others are preparing to go all-digital by February 2009. By taking action today, you could start reaping the benefits of digital broadcasts now.

And for viewers, the benefits are tremendous. You will enjoy much clearer pictures, better sound quality and potentially more free channels. Just by purchasing a converter box, you can get the same quality of television for free as those paying monthly for cable or satellite with expensive TV sets.

Don't get left behind. Switch to digital now and save your television signal before February 17, 2009!♦

Administrator	534-7912	Waste Management	1-800-640-5571
Clerk or Treasurer	534-3980	Waterford Post Office	534-3255
Library	534-3988		
Public Works	534-3801	Village Board: 2nd & 4th Monday each month in	
Water/Sewer	534-4069	the Village Hall, 123 N. River Street 6:30 P.M.	
EMERGENCY SEWER (after hours)	534-2511	Finance Committee: 2nd Mo	anday of each month
EMERGENCY FIRE/RESCUE/POLICE	911	in the Village Hall, 123 N. Rive	•
Day Shift Police Officer (Non emergency)	534-3911	ar die village Fran, 125 Fv. Idve	or order briting
Racine Co. Non-Emergency	534-2511	Water & Sewer Commission	: 2nd Wednesday
Safety Building	534-3911	each month, DPW Building, 80	01 Ela Ave. <b>6 P.M.</b>
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Fire/Rescue Information	534-5930	Plan Commission: 3rd Wedn	
(Non-emergency)		Village Hall, 123 N. River Stree	et <b>6 P.M.</b>
Rescue Billing Questions	514-5930	Community Development A	uthority: 1st Monday
Fire Chief	534-7019	as needed, Village Hall, 123 N	
Fire Inspectors	534-6623	_	
	534-3655	Personnel Committee: 3rd M	
Building & Plumbing Inspector	534-7911	<i>as needed,</i> Village Hall, 123 N	J. River Street 6 P.M.
Electrical Inspector	534-3981	Darblio Waster Commission 2	-d N.f. 1 . C. 1
Community Health Dept.	763-4923	Public Works Committee: 3r	
Tax Assessor	534-3003	month, <i>as needed</i> , Village Ha	II, 123 IN River Street.
Time Warner Cable 1-80	00-933-4662	4 <b>P.M</b> .	

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Daylight Savings is on November 2nd at 2 a.m. this year!!! Don't forget to set your clocks back!!



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